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re: Cedar Valley Groundwater Management Plan

State Water Engineer:

First, I ask that you extend the public comment period until after the annual meetings of the Cedar Valley Pumpers and other water companies have been held. This would allow us to respond as a whole.

Regarding recharged consumptive water rights: Water should be recovered at the recharge site at no more than 50% of original input, as recharging is not much better than flood irrigation. If the water is usable, use it or treat/filter it instead of pumping other sources.

Regarding applications to appropriate water in Quichapa and Rush Lakes: There should be no applications for appropriation over the next 15 years. There should first be real commitments on recharge or water treatment facilities from these entities for long-term sustainability. We have spent millions of government dollars to make water flow to Quichapa Lake, believing it's recharging. We have asked people upstream to conserve water to help with recharge. Now we're going to tell them not to conserve water because if it reaches these points, it will be appropriated to someone else. Rush Lake is not an alkali-poisoned lake, so why appropriate water before it gets there? Quichapa is an alkali lake. If it is completely drained, what will be done about the resulting alkali dust storms?

Thank you for your consideration,

Billy Grimshaw